

# FOCUS ON THE FIRST

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### EXCITEMENT FOR FUTURE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER AT IDLE HOUR PARK



With great enthusiasm, Mayor Gray, Urban County Council members, and nearly 100 Lexington seniors celebrated the groundbreaking on a new Senior Citizens Center on October 13<sup>th</sup>. The new facility is designed to be a state of the art building, which encompasses 33,000 square feet spread over 2 floors. The new Senior Citizens' Center will be centrally located in Idle Hour Park, and will be conveniently accessible from New Circle Road and Richmond Road. It will be the new neighbor to the new Southland Christian Church campus (at the former Lexington Mall).

Total estimated construction cost is \$13 million, and the opening is scheduled for Spring 2016. Lexington's current Senior Citizen Center is located near the University of Kentucky's campus at the corner of Nicholasville Road and Alumni Drive. When opened in 1983, the Center's first director was Beth Mills, who currently serves as the LFUCG Commissioner of Social Services.

For more information of the new Senior Citizens Center project, please visit [www.lexingtonky.gov](http://www.lexingtonky.gov) and/or contact Kristy Stambaugh at 258-3806 or [kstambau@lexingtonky.gov](mailto:kstambau@lexingtonky.gov).



Council Members Julian Beard and Chris Ford at the groundbreaking program.



Officials and honored guests join in ceremonial turning of the dirt at future site of Senior Center.



Chris Ford  
Councilman, 1st District

#### NOVEMBER CALENDAR:

11—*Veterans Day*

13—**Council Meeting** 6:00 pm

18—**Neighborhood Association Leaders Meeting** 6:00 pm  
(101 E. Vine St, 3rd Floor Conference Room)

20—**Council Meeting** 6:00 pm

27—*Thanksgiving Day*  
(LFUCG Closed 27-28)

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## REQUEST FOR CITIZEN INPUT: 2015 CONSOLIDATED PLAN

The Division of Grants and Special Programs is starting the planning process for the 2015 Consolidated Plan. The plan will contain a housing market analysis, a housing needs assessment, a homeless assessment and a five-year strategic plan. Also included will be a one-year action plan that addresses decent housing, a suitable living environment and expanded economic opportunities for low and moderate income residents. In order to create this plan, LFUCG needs input from the citizens of Lexington-Fayette County on housing, public services, public facilities, public improvements, homelessness, etc.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awards LFUCG approximately \$3 million annually to support community development activity. Citizen input and community planning is a condition of grant funding compliance.

For more information on how to participate in the 2015 Consolidated Plan please contact:

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**200 E. Main Street, 6th Floor**  
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## COUNCILMAN TO HOST QUARTERLY NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERS MEETING DOWNTOWN



**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2014**

**6:00—7:30 PM**

**101 E. VINE STREET (Old KU Building)**  
**3rd Floor Conference Room**

Free parking is available in the lot behind the building, in between Vine Street and Water Street. Building entrance is at Vine & Limestone.

The meeting will be an open forum format. We want neighborhood leaders to tell us the areas of greatest concern and/or priorities for their respective neighborhood in 2015.

We hope to see you there!

## EAST END SMALL AREA PLAN FIVE YEARS LATER



The 1<sup>st</sup> District Council Office hosted a Community Meeting on October 15<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the 5 year anniversary of East End Small Area Plan. Over 60 community residents & leaders convened for the meeting, hosted at the Charles Young Center, to review & discuss the plan's *Top 10 Goals*:

1. East End Community Development Corporation
2. Charles Young Community Center
3. Lyric Theatre
4. Neighborhood Beautification
5. Historic Identity & Preservation
6. East End Branding & Signage
7. Public Infrastructure
8. Street Lighting
9. Affordable Housing
10. Isaac Murphy Memorial Art Garden & Legacy Trail

## 1ST DISTRICT STREET REPAVING UPDATE

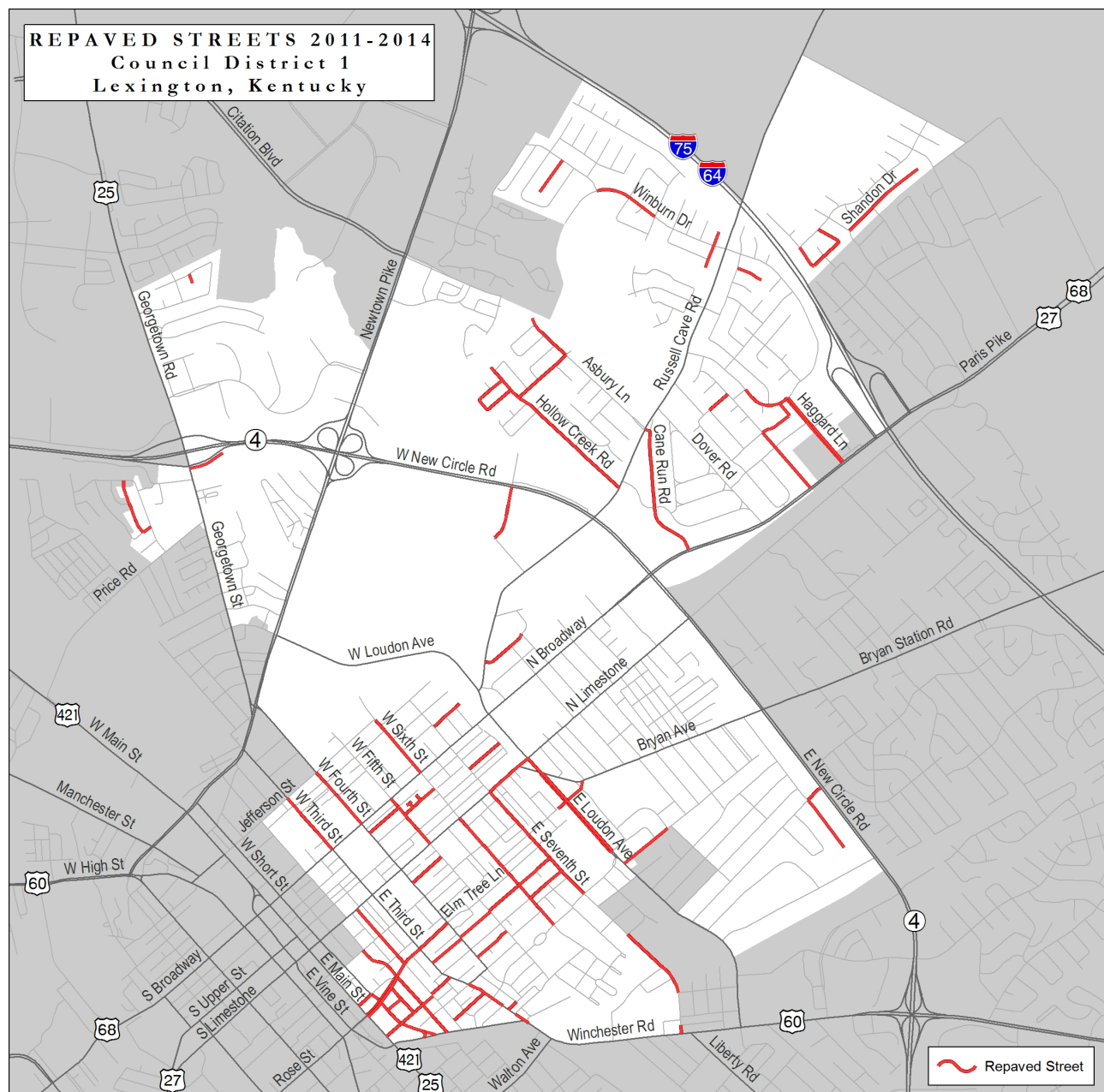
During my four years as 1<sup>st</sup> District Councilman, I have joined my fellow Council Members in placing a greater priority on improving the travelling surfaces on neighborhood streets & roads across Lexington. For example, in calendar year 2013, our Council authorized a special funding level of approximately \$13 million (citywide) for street repaving. And with Council redistricting in 2011, the 1<sup>st</sup> District welcomed many miles of streets and roads into our district boundary.

The guiding policy of Urban County Government is to focus repaving on the areas of greatest need. The Department of Environmental Quality and Public Works staff has evaluated and rated each street in our city. A staff recommendation and guiding pol-

icy is for Council to approve repaving funds for streets with a rating of 65 or below (on a 100 point scale).

Below is a map which highlights the areas which have been repaved since 2011. Our Council Office anticipates continued funding and support for future improvements for other streets and roads throughout the district.

Please note: This report does not include recent repaving of State-maintained roads (such as North Broadway & Newtown Pike). This report also does not include recent repaving associated with storm water improvements in the Meadows – Northland – Arlington area (Bryan Avenue vicinity).







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## RADCLIFFE—MARLBORO NEIGHBORHOOD ADDS NEW PAVILION AT MARLBORO PARK



Congratulations to the leadership of the Radcliffe – Marlboro Neighborhood Association on the construction and installation of a new Pavilion at Marlboro Park. The neighborhood was awarded Neighborhood Action Match Grant from LFUCG in 2013 to partially fund the project.

This pavilion will enhance the outdoor recreational amenities at Marlboro Park, and will compliment citizen usage at the Community Building.

## ANNAUL LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM IS UNDERWAY



LFUCG began its annual Leaf Collection program on November 10th. Leaf collection is available for Fayette County residents who receive LFUCG curbside waste collection services. To find out when leaf collection crews will be working in your neighborhood, residents may visit the LFUCG website at [www.lexingtonky.gov/leaves](http://www.lexingtonky.gov/leaves). There, you can use the **interactive map** by typing in your street into the map's search box to find out your projected collection dates. For further information, you may call LexCall by dialing 311, or (859) 425-2255 for assistance.



## THIRD & MIDLAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN COMMUNITY MEETING

The planning team for the newly proposed Third & Midland Development is hosting a second public engagement meeting this month. A preliminary plan will be presented at that time but the team wants the public's input as well. If you are interested in learning more about this East End development, join the developers on:

**Monday, November 24, 2014**

**6:00—8:00 PM**

**William Wells Brown Elementary**

**555 E. Fifth Street**

The meeting is hosted by Community Ventures Corporation (CVC), Lexington's Real Estate Company, DNK and Urban Fast Forward.

